

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 16-19 have been added. Claim 16 corresponds to claim 7 in independent form; claim 17 corresponds to claim 8; claim 18 corresponds to claim 10 in independent form; and claim 19 corresponds to claim 11.

The specification has been amended to correct erroneous reference numerals.

No new matter or new issues have been raised by these amendments.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is traversed.

The Examiner alleges in the Official Action that the output shaft 41 is the rotary member and is the only component of the rotary unit. However, the Examiner is asked to note that the rotary unit includes the rotary member 40, 41 and the rotary shaft 19 (page 8, lines 7-8). That is, the rotary unit includes not only the rotary member but also the rotary shaft 19. The claims as presented are thus believed to be definite. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 59-103990. In addition, claims 5-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over JP-103990. Also, claims 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over JP-103990 in view of Eisert (US 6,474,959). However, claims 7-11 have been identified as including allowable subject matter.

As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and claim 9 has been canceled. New claims 16-19 correspond to claims 7-8 and 10-11, respectively, placed in independent form. Inasmuch as all independent claims now include subject matter that the Examiner identified to be allowable subject matter, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

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